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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/024,167 Confirmation No. 5731  
Applicants : Alfred E. Keller  
Filed : December 18, 2001  
For : Short Contact Time Catalytic Sulfur Recovery System for Removing H<sub>2</sub>S  
From A Waste Stream  
  
TC/A.U. : 1754  
Examiner : Timothy C. Vanoy Customer No.: 35181  
Atty. Dkt. No.: 1856-09501  
Date: March 31, 2004

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**AMENDMENT  
AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 6, 2004**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.